

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1 through 5, 12 through 21, 28 through 33, and 45 through 49. Applicants have amended claims 6 and 22 to incorporate the limitations of the respective independent and intervening claims. In the case of claim 6, applicants incorporated the limitations of claims 1 and 5. In the case of claim 22, applicants incorporated the limitations of claims 18 and 21. Thus claims 6 and 22 have not been narrowed but only changed in form, i.e. to independent form. Claims 6-11, 22-27, and 34-44 remain pending.

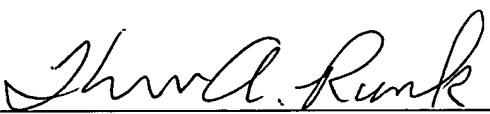
Applicants appreciate the indication of allowed and allowable claims in the Office Action dated February 10, 2004, and has taken advantage of that indication by amending the above claims to place them in acceptable form for complete allowability. Further, applicants have canceled the rejected claims. However, applicants do not agree with the rejection of the other claims and reserve the right to prosecute them further in a continuation application. Their cancellation from this application was done so that applicants may have an issued patent for protection of its products at an earlier time.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have attempted to place all claims indicated as allowable in proper form for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested. Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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